Adjournment motion regarding the delay to pass orders on the Report of the Special Finance Committee.

President.—There is an adjournment motion from Mr. A. L. Antony which reads:—"*The inordinate delay in disposing of the recommenaations of the Special Finance Committee and of this Council and giving effect to the conclusions arrived at by the Government.*" Does it come stricly within the rules? Have you examined that?

Mr. A. L. Antony.—Yes, Sir.

President.—There are rules on the subject that matters of recent occurrence alone fall under this. Is this a matter of recent occurrence?

Mr. A. L. Antony.—The recommendations have been considered here, by this House. It is only a question of delay in disposing of the matter.

President.—In many cases delays occur. Generally these urgent matters of public importance relate to matters of recent occurrence. That is the trend of the rulings. What is the recent occurrence?

Mr. A. L. Antony.—The occurrence is that all were expecting the publication of this report and that has not occurred as yet. So that is the recent occurrence.

President.—I hold that this adjournment motion is not in order. It has no reference to a matter of recent occurrence.

The Cochin Limitation Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I beg leave of this House to introduce the Cochin Limitation Regulation Amendment Bill. I do not think this motion requires seconding.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—All motions relating to Bills require seconding.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—On a point of information. I do not know whether the leave motion requires seconding.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Yesterday the ruling was that all motions require seconding.

President.—The ruling I passed was with regard to notice. Unless notice is given to introduce Bills, the Bill ought not to be put in the agenda. That is the ruling that I passed. It has nothing to do with motions.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—As regards motions, it is governed by Standing Order 19 which speaks of motions. With reference to amendments to motions it is specially said here that an amendment cannot be discussed unless it is seconded.

President.—There is nothing about seconding there.

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